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WVCPD K9s Receive Ballistic Vests

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On Tuesday, January 20th at 2pm, West Valley Police Department's six K9s will be outfitted with recently awarded ballistics vests. These vests help protect the K-9s from gun shots, stabbings, explosives, and blunt force trauma such as being kicked, punched, or beaten with a weapon or other dangerous object such as a bat or tire iron.

The vests were awarded to West Valley City Police by the group Vested Interest in K9's, Inc. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA, whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States.

Each vest costs \$950 and has a five year warranty.

Learn more about the efforts of Vested Interest in K9's, Inc on their web site, www.vik9s.org

What: WVCPD K9s will be outfitted with the new vests and will provide a demo of their work while wearing the new vests.

Where: Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 1355 W 3100 S

When: Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 2pm

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